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Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Shih Chao-Ying reports that "between August 1951 and August 1953, eleven batches of Chinese prisoners of war totalling 241 persons, most of whom are high school graduates with a smattering of English, were selected and trained for work behind enemy lines. 148 among these have now (repeat now) been reported missing. Ninety-three are now (repeat now) stationed at Seoul and on Sunkat Island outside of Kangha Bay. Some had gone on as many as eleven missions."

Vice Minister suggested that close US liaison be maintained with Chinese Embassy at Seoul regarding the work of these persons would be of help in achieving greater effectiveness. When the deportation of other Chinese prisoners of war is finally made, Minister requested that these prisoners of war also be returned to Formosa.

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